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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
LEBOEUF RAYMOND W

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Middle)

(Zip)

PRAXAIR INC [PX]

(Check all applicable)

C/O PRAXAIR, INC., 39 OLD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

RIDGEBURY ROAD

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

02/28/2011

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

below)

DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			sed of 4 and	` ′	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/28/2011		M	5,000	A	\$ 28.76	7,000	D	
Common Stock	02/28/2011		S	5,000	D	\$ 98.9196 <u>(1)</u>	2,000	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (\emph{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \\ \end{tabular}$

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Secu Acqu (A) o Disp (D)	urities uired or posed of tr. 3, 4,	Expiration Date	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.76	02/28/2011		M		5,000	04/01/2004(2)	04/01/2013	Common Stock	5,000	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 37.26						04/01/2005(2)	04/01/2014	Common Stock	5,000	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 47.64						04/01/2006(2)	04/01/2015	Common Stock	5,000	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 48.26						09/19/2006(2)	09/19/2015	Common Stock	275	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 53.98						02/28/2007(2)	02/28/2016	Common Stock	7,620	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 61.47						02/27/2008(2)	02/27/2017	Common Stock	6,550	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 83.89						02/26/2009(3)	02/26/2018	Common Stock	3,885	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 60.92						02/24/2010(4)	02/24/2019	Common Stock	4,600	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LEBOEUF RAYMOND W C/O PRAXAIR, INC. 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD DANBURY, CT 06810-5113



Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper, Attorney-in-Fact

03/01/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- The \$98.9196 price reported is the weighted average sale price. The sale prices ranged from \$98.90 to \$98.96 per share. Upon request of
- (1) the SEC Staff, Praxair, Inc. or a security holder of Praxair, Inc., the reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (2) This option became exercisable in three (3) equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 26, 2009.
- (4) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 24, 2010.

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